



# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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## ILLUSTRATED TALK ON HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF FAIRMOUNT PARK HOUSES AT NOV. MEETING

Our Program Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. William Moody has scored again in bringing to our November 25 meeting Mrs. Beatrice Garvin, lecturer and guide of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Mrs. Garvin who has addressed many illustrious gatherings on the "Houses in the Park," will stress particularly for our local historians the historical background of these famous colonial mansions of Fairmount Park.

As most of our members know, these houses were the original homes of America's founding fathers and have been authentically preserved. Scholars agree they are unmatched anywhere. Included in the talk, illustrated by color slides, are Mount Pleasant, Cedar Grove, Woodford, Strawberry Mansion, Sweetbrier and Belmont Mansion.

These were the summer homes of our early first families of Philadelphia, an escape from the hot city. Still in their original location, with commanding views of our famous Fairmount Park, they are one of Philadelphia's richest treasures and a principal attraction for the thousands of visitors who come to see Historic Philadelphia every year.

The November meeting is also our annual business meeting. Top business is the election of officers.

The Nominating Committee, John S. Wood, Jr., Paul C. Smith and Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann, have submitted the following names:

2nd Vice-President . . .

Mrs. David S. Lenhart

3rd Vice-President . . .

Paul C. Smith

Recording Secretary . . .

Mrs. George H. Allen

Trustees (Terms expire 1972)

Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock Sr.

Mr. M. Elmond Neeley Jr.

Mr. B. Dexter Streeter

Mr. Laurence J. Test

Mr. William H. Evans

To fill unexpired term of Paul C. Smith, 1970, John S. Wood Jr.

### NEXT MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 25

**TIME:** 8:00 P. M.

**PLACE:** Auditorium,

Friends Meeting House,  
Lake Street

### **HIP ROOF HOUSE HISTORIC VALUE AUTHENTICATED**

Co-chairmen of the Hip Roof House Committee, Ruth and Jack Dalton, give us the latest report on this important Society acquisition. Architect John D. Milner, whose professional expertise is well known in the restoration of many old houses in the eastern part of the country, has spent considerable time studying the Hip Roof House and reports that we have a very valuable primitive property. The preliminary studies are now completed and a plan is underway to launch a drive for the restoration of this oldest house in Haddonfield.

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### **CANDLELIGHT TOUR SETS NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Mrs. Robert J. Moore, chairman of this year's Candlelight Tour, happily reported to this Bulletin the unprecedented success of the tour:

"The total ticket sales were 919, the total gross receipts amounted to \$1,898. Our expenses were \$158, leaving an all time record net of \$1,740.

"There were three reasons for the success of the tour. One, excellent weather; two, excellent publicity carried over a six-week period to enliven and sustain interest; and three, the excellent cooperation of all people working on the tour.

"I wish to express thanks to all the home owners, head hostesses, exhibit chairman and every person who gave of his time and talent to contribute to the success of it all."

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### **VARIETY OF INTERESTS PLANNED FOR WOMAN'S COMMITTEE**

The Woman's Committee will move in new and interesting directions at their monthly meetings, usually held on the fourth Tuesday at 10 A. M.

"Although our essential purpose is to help the Society," Chairman Mrs. James

J. Lennon announced, "we hope to provide an opportunity to learn new skills, perhaps to develop new interests, while at the same time accomplish constructive objectives. We are always delighted to have Society members join us at any of our monthly meetings."

In September, the "makings" of pomanders—oranges, cloves and cinnamon—were set out. In October, Mrs. Dexter Streeter showed members how tinware could be redecorated and restored. On Tuesday, November 18, the Committee held a tea. Mrs. Robert J. Moore talked about "Fans," using the Society's own extensive collection to illustrate both the exotic and utilitarian functions of fans. Admission to the tea was a donation of a good article, antique or modern, to be used at the Flea Market Auction next June.

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### **HOPKINS POND RESTORED IS AGAIN A BEAUTY SPOT**

The long-awaited restoration of Hopkins Pond, devastated by heavy rains a few years ago, is now complete and once again this historic site is an aesthetic delight, a quiet, rustic retreat from the town's bustle . . . a lovely place to walk and meditate on the natural beauty of our environs.

Once again we can behold one of the most exquisite sights in nature, beautiful old trees with each season's changing colors reflected and shimmering in the pond.

The Camden County Park Commission has done a commendable job in this resoration. Only one detail would be make it perfect—the replacement of the "turnpike type" railing with a rustic, natural wood one.

Anyone care to write the Park Commission a letter of thanks and suggestion?

## ACQUISITIONS, 1968 and 1969

1. Lincoln arm chair, velvet ..... Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Ford
2. Hats, dresses, evening dresses, shirts,  
jackets, wool - silk cape and other articles,  
from the Tatem-Moore Family ..... Mrs. F. Brigham and Mrs. Joseph Tatem
3. Large Victorian Oil painting of child,  
donated in memory of her husband ..... Mrs. L. T. Reincker
4. Glass medicine bottle 1740 and glass ink bottle 1845  
found in Hip Roof House after moving to our grounds ..... Louis H. Goettelmann
5. Five, 13 star flags and a framed silhouette ..... Mrs. L. T. Reinicker
6. Squirrel rifle, muzzle loader, discharged with percussion cap,  
made by a Penna. gunsmith between 1860 and 1875, used by  
donor's father in Delaware, Ohio in 1881 ..... William M. Amos
7. Old bonnet and hat ..... Mrs. Edmund A. Dale
8. Shoes, capes, shawls, that belonged to  
Hannah Evan Rhoads 1793/1865 ..... Mrs. Charles R. Mulloy
9. Two blue and white Wedgewood mugs ..... Frances Wolfe Carey
10. Alphabet blocks set in wooden frame ..... Dee Lowry
11. Old wooden school slate ..... Lee Powers Hynes
12. Colonial costume and articles of clothing ..... Mrs. Benjamin Lowry
13. World War I uniform and old watch worn by donor's husband ..... Mrs. John Willits Danenhower
14. Articles of clothing of late 19th Century ..... Mrs. Harvey N. Stewart
15. Two American Flags, 48 stars ..... Anonymous
16. Mother-of Pearl Pin, Hatchet shape, carried by Carrie Nation ..... Mrs. Arthur L. Christopher
17. Valentine, paper, silk and celluloid, C-1920 ..... Mrs. Robert J. Moore
18. Large wooden quilting frame, old tin sitting tub,  
and large collection of articles ..... The Estaugh-Haddonfield Society of Friends
19. Carpenters' wood plane with "Rockhill" burned  
in side ..... Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rockhill Rhoads
20. Articles of hand-made clothing ..... Mrs. Harry A. Bauer
21. Old hand-made cotton bed spread ..... Mrs. E. M. Corson, (Florida)
22. Wood cabinet-makers' clamps used by her father,  
Walter Scott Cox ..... Mrs. Beatrice Cox Moran
23. Toll tickets, for horses 1908, for autos 1917 ..... Mr. Arthur E. Prowattain (deceased)
24. High button shoes, bags and other articles ..... Miss Barbara Testerman Winters
25. Belt, spur, corn-huskers' home made tweezers and Indian stones  
found in Evans Pond, Haddonfield ..... David Lee Winters
26. Old map of City of Philadelphia, showing it from river to river,  
dated 1796 and signed by MAYOR MATTHw. CLARKSON ..... Mrs. Calvin Chase (Florida)
27. Revolutionary Soldier's blanket, framed, "Jonathan Cawley" portrait  
and other articles from the Allen Cawley collection ..... Evan L. & Robert R. Rhoads
28. Edwardian style dress c-1925 ..... Mrs. Merritt
29. Beaded evening dress c-1925 ..... Wayne E. Smith
30. Three Fiji Island dolls and a christening dress, a London/England doll  
of 1914; two German 1914 dolls; Topsy & Eva angels (dolls); a New  
Jersey Devil doll; one Bisque-head war widow doll of 1861; "Brother  
& Sister" USA cuddle dolls; Two dolls, a peruvian couple; a "Lady  
going to Market" doll of Brazil; a "Junior Miss" 1968 USA doll, and  
a Denmark "Serving Helper" doll. All dolls added to previous collection  
..... Mrs. Arthur L. Christopher
31. Two silver sweet-meat dishes, a silver cake basket, gold mantel  
garniture with two single, one double prisms; a figurine, lamp and  
other to a total of twenty-five articles ..... Will of Miss Anna Fenner (deceased)

### NOTE

Donations not catalogued and inventoried to date will appear in a future bulletin. Library acquisitions will also be listed in a subsequent issue.

Martha Kerr Goettelmann  
*Acquisitions Chairman*

Please fill in and mail this form to:

Greenfield Hall

343 King's Highway East

Haddonfield, N. J. 08033

I favor an Historic Preservation ordinance for Haddonfield .....

I do not favor an Historic Preservation Ordinance .....

Any remarks: .....

### **SOCIETY POLLS MEMBERS ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

At our July meeting the members attending voted to poll our membership on their feeling about the enactment of a Historic Preservation Ordinance for Haddonfield which would insure the preservation of our more than 100 historic and architecturally significant homes, building and sites.

The vote came after a talk by one of our members on the progress made to date in the historic preservation movement here. Under the leadership of Louis H. Goettelmann, chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee of the Haddonfield Preservation Society, much progress has been made:

1. The Borough Planning Board passed a resolution to develop an ordinance for the establishment of an historic district and the preservation of the historic and architecturally significant homes and structures within the district.
2. The Planning Board appointed a sub-committee to work with Mr. Richard Walter, vice-chairman of the Board, for this purpose. The sub-committee is made up of the four members of the Historic Preservation Committee: Louis H. Goettelmann, Elizabeth H. Lenhart, Joan L. Aiken, William J. Blake. All are members of the Historical Society.
3. The sub-committee has met several times with Mr. Walter and a proposed

ordinance has been written. Mr. Goettelmann has drawn a map of the boundaries of the historic district. It is interesting that the professional Borough Planning Consultant who was hired to make a study of the central district of Haddonfield arrived at almost identical boundaries for the historic district. If you attended the public hearing of the Planning Board when Mr. Hobough presented his plan you will recall that he strongly favored establishing this district and a historic preservation ordinance as the means of safeguarding Haddonfield's historic character.

More people are attracted to living in Haddonfield because of this character.

In the 58 towns throughout the United States which now have Historic Preservation Legislation, all those which have a local Historical Society, are supported by the Society in this legislation. In most of these towns the Historical Society led the preservation program.

The support of the Haddonfield Historical Society in this vital and urgent program would be a major factor in the decision by our official body to make this preservation a law. Wherever it is a law, it has stabilized and increased property values in the historic district, a benefit to all those living in the district and to the treasury of the borough.

Mr. Walter envisions a promotion to publicize our historic district for visitors to Historic Philadelphia.

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

**"THIS IS HADDONFIELD,"  
IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT**

Mrs. Jesse Haydock, Sr., publications chairman of the Society, reports that 2,328 copies of the book, "This is Haddonfield," have been sold to date.

The popularity of this beautiful book with its many fine drawings of our most historic houses by local artists, Elizabeth Hopkins Lenhart and the late Herbert Leicht and others is well deserved. What could be a more original and interesting Christmas gift to local friends. Send your check to Haddonfield Historical Society, 343 King's Highway East, Haddonfield, N. J., 08033. Price per book is \$7.50.

**SOCIETY'S NOTE PAPER  
NOW AVAILABLE**

President Louis H. Goettelmann has announced that a new supply of our special note paper has been delivered to headquarters with six sketches of our rooms and buildings instead of the former four.

Mrs. James G. Aiken, Editor  
Historical Society Bulletin  
Send all editorial contributions to:  
120 Warwick Road  
Haddonfield, N. J.

Mr. Goettelmann informs we have added views of the Victorian Room showing our new oil painting over the mantel and the Lincoln Chair, as well as a fine view of the rear of Greenfield Hall and the Hip Roof House, showing our Boxwood Garden. These, as well as the original four interior/exterior views were sketched by the artist, Ray Baker, from colored slides taken by Mr. Goettelmann.

**HUGUENOT SOCIETY VISITS  
GREENFIELD HALL**

The Huguenot Society of New Jersey, a hereditary non-profit religious organization, held their Fall meeting in West Jersey this time and their November First program was arranged by our valued member, Dr. Elmer G. Van Name.

A planned tour for the group covered visits to the new buildings of the Camden County Historical Society and to Greenfield Hall and the Indian King Tavern.

Our president and Mrs. Goettelmann were hosts at Greenfield Hall and escorted over thirty members through the rooms describing the history of our most important items. Many favorable comments were received on our extensive collections, the various rooms and their fine condition.